

USAG SCHINNEN ISSUES

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- Issues number # 2 and #5

AFAP 2006 Conference Issue Paper #5

TITLE: Provide text books in CD-Rom format for DoDDS students

SCOPE: Text books are too large and heavy to be carried daily in the backpacks. This leads to back problems resulting in military health cost increase. Children are issued on average 6 large textbooks transported between school and home daily. Accessibility of text book in the latest technology expedites academic progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Authorize DoDDS funding to supply CD copies of textbooks for home use.**
- 2. Issue students with compatible PDA and train them how to use them as an educational tool. Parents will be responsible for the cost and proper usage.**

AFAP 2006 Conference Issue Paper #2

TITLE: Living Quarter Allowance (LQA) for Local Hires GS-7 and GS-8

SCOPE:

Local hire GS-8 and below are not authorized LQA (Living Quarters Allowance). USAEUR Regulation 690-500.592 states that GS-9 and above are entitled to receive LQA. Some GS-7 and GS-8 positions are filled by minimally qualified personnel, remain vacant, or experience high turnover rates due to lack of an LQA incentive. Not receiving LQA decreases quality of life for local hire GS-8 and below and their families.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Change USAEUR Regulation 690-500.592 to allow local hire GS-7 and above to receive LQA.**